

Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2008

Members Present

Bob	Atwater
Sonja	Brown
Jana	Griggs
Sally	Hunter
Sheila	Knapp
Shary	Maskel
Doris	McCain
Teresa	Mebane
Linda	Nelson
Dwight	Pearson
Gloria	Upperman
Laura	Wiley
Mark	Yost
Jane	Young

Visitors Present

Laurie	Jaegers
Lynn	Rogers
Cynthia	Daniels-Hall
Eric	Hall
Lee	Williamson
Pam	King
Amanda	Gooley

Members Absent

Odell	Clanton
Esther	High
Nicole	Jimerson
Linda	Jones
Cathy	Kea
Jill	Scercy
Deborah	Whitfield
Cynthia	Wilson

DPI Staff / Presenters

Tish	Bynum
Nancy	Johnson
Kate	Neale
Pollye	Pruitt
Mary	Watson
Ira	Wolfe

Welcome / Review of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Jane Young called the meeting to order. Council members and guests provided introductions. Chairperson Young noted the Council has two new members, Nicole Jimerson and Cynthia Wilson. Kate Neale reviewed the current Council membership noting there are still several vacancies.

At the inception of the meeting, Chairperson Young noted that a quorum did exist in order to approve the March and June meeting meetings. Motions were made and seconded to approve the March and June meetings with minor corrections.

Report on State Performance Plan (SPP) & Annual Performance Report (APR)

A copy of the SPP / APR report relating to 2006-07 data was provided to Council members. The Council is an important contributing source for setting compliance Indicators targets. The Council was encouraged to review the report and provide input.

The SPP / APR report relating to 2007-08 data is due February, 2009. A draft of this report will be provided to the Council at the December meeting. The draft will consist of all the Indicators for which the EC Division has 2007-08 data.

The focus now is on data collection and improvement activities. OSEP is concerned about data collection rules being followed. Nancy Johnson provided a handout outlining a review checklist used to assist with monitoring the effectiveness of improvement activity.

A handout was also provided for Indicator 5, FAPE in LRE. The Council reviewed the targets and measures. North Carolina made adjustments to the targets for 2007-08 data with justification.

OSEP advises it makes state determinations based on the APR, but in reality its mostly based upon the compliance Indicators.

Report from Subcommittee: Council Meetings

A session on State Advisory Panels by Pollye Pruitt will be at the 58th Conference on Exceptional Children. Hopefully, this will bring more awareness about the Council and its function.

Council Meetings – much discussion surrounded future Council meeting dates. Currently, the December 10, 2008 meeting will remain as scheduled. The March meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2009 from 11:30 am– 3:30 pm at Dept. of Corrections; the June meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2009 from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm. The date, location and time for the September and December 2009 meetings are to be determined.

Agency Update

- ▶ A current organizational chart for the Dept. of Public Instruction was provided to the Council, noting that the EC Division is under Rebecca Garland (Associate Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer in Academic Services and Instructional Support) and Angela H. Quick (Deputy Chief Academic Office for Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Accountability Services).
- ▶ There was large attendance at the Summer Institutes.
- ▶ EC Division staff were presenters, including the keynote speaker, at the National Accountability Conference sponsored by OSEP. The EC Division presented at all breakout sessions, but one, at this national conference. This is a great honor for the EC Division and North Carolina.
- ▶ Diann Irwin and Tony Mitchell retired from the EC Division.
- ▶ Laura Snyder is the new Assistant Director.
- ▶ The State Board of Education's revised policy is currently out for public comment. The revisions bring the State Board Policies in alignment with recent legislation (HB12).

- ▶ The State Board of Education is revising state graduation requirements to mandate a graduation project. Mary Watson is concerned for EC students and this requirement.
- ▶ October is disability awareness month.
- ▶ The 58th Conference on Exceptional Children is November 17, 2008. Any Council members wanting to attend should contact Tish Bynum.

Mary Watson thanked everyone for their service to the Council and the State Board of Education.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.